

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain in this application. Claims 1-4 have been allowed. Claims 5 and 6 have been rejected. Claims 7 and 8 have been objected to. Thus, claims 5 and 8 have been amended, and claim 6 has been cancelled.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,584,993 to Chang. Further, claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in light of United States Patent No. 5,287,834 to Flynn.

The Examiner has indicated, however, that claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that the references fail to teach a first mechanical filter within the main housing adjacent to a fuel in port for filtering fuel prior to mixing with cleaner from the reservoir, as described in claim 7. Accordingly, claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations previously contained in claim 7. Claim 5 should now be allowable. Accordingly, claim 6 – although previously interposed in the dependency claim – has been left intact. Claim 8 has been amended so that it now depends from claim 6. Thus, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a) are now overcome. Please enter the allowance of claims 5, 6, and 8, in addition to previously allowed claims 1-4.

The Abstract has been objected to for exceeding 150 words. An amended abstract has been provided that is less than 150 words. Please remove the objection to the Abstract.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully solicited. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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